



Adoption in Alabama

What members of faith-based & community organizations can do to help

What is the Need?

Alabama currently has almost 5,600 children and youth in Foster Care. Of these children:

- Over 50% are male.
- Over 50% are of African American heritage
- Over 60% are over the age of ten.
- Over 600 are in the Permanent Custody of the State and are waiting to be adopted. Approximately 300 of these children may be adopted by their foster parents. The remaining youngsters need an adoptive family.



What is adoption?



Adopting a child is a lifelong commitment. By adopting a child, you not only help a child grow up in a loving and caring environment, you share in the vision of a bright, positive future. Adoption not only enriches the life of a child, but enriches yours as well.

Who can adopt?

- Single or Married Adults
- Working Adults
- Parents with other Children
- Homeowners or Renters
- "Empty Nesters"
- Adults who can nurture and love a child not born to them



How can you help?

You or your organization may be able to help in a number of ways:

- Faith leaders can share information to congregations about the need for adoptive families.
- Welcome waiting children and their foster families into the faith community to become visible and active in church life and to improve their self-esteem and sense of belonging.
- Offer spiritual, emotional and concrete support to children and families, including transportation, respite care, tutoring, mentoring, needed clothing, furniture, etc.
- Members of faith community can become adoptive parents. Your organization can plan and carry out innovative recruitment activities and events in partnership with DHR or other child-placing agencies.
- Lend support and assistance to families going through the preparation and licensing process or who are newly licensed.

For more information about how you can help,
call Adoption Recruitment Specialist at
1-334-242-9500